

INVITED SPEAKERS



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ASEAN Remote Envenoming Consultation Services Effort in Managing Snakebite Patients in the Region

Remote Envenomation Consultation Services (RECS) was established in 2010. Initially by a single consultant and later supported by a few more specialists in Malaysia. The service was expanded to Southeast Asian countries in 2020 with the involvement of consultants from Indonesia, the Philippines, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. The main objective is to enhance a favorable outcome by optimizing and advocating appropriate treatment modalities at every level of clinical management. RECS provides 24-hour consultation services for healthcare professionals in clinical management for bites/stings envenoming from venomous animals and poisoning from naturally occurring toxins. The consultation numbers increasing by years and by 2023 it reached more than 1000 cases per year in Malaysia, more than 2000 cases in Indonesia and 164 cases in the Philippines from 2019 till 2021. RECS ASEAN also runs educational activities for the public and healthcare professionals through forum, webinars, courses and conference. RECS had established collaboration with other agencies such as Malaysia Biodiversity Information System (MyBIS) and National Poison Centre for better networking and data information system. With these efforts, the public gain more knowledge and awareness on appropriate first aid, healthcare professionals able to manage snakebite injuries based on current and appropriate evidence and better data information system to support research activities for a better snakebite management in the future.